



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

Bill #	HB0041	Title:	Energy conservation and assistance funds for low-income persons
Primary Sponsor:	Augare, S.	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
Federal Special Revenue	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal Impact:

This bill will eliminate the statutory restrictions on the use fund balance in the federal energy conservation and energy assistance account to allow the Department of Public Health and Human Services to provide additional energy assistance and weatherization help to Montana households.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. The executive budget for the Department of Public Health and Human Services includes DP20001, which is based on the assumption of this bill's passage.
2. This will be a one-time appropriation for the expenditure during the 2009 biennium of the \$1.6M fund balance in the account.
3. The 2005 Legislature approved the expenditure of these fund for the 2007 biennium but the federal funding was above the 1987 level and the existing MCA statute prevented the expenditure of these funds.

4. If the funding is used solely for energy assistance, benefits would be increased by approximately \$70.49 per household in one year or \$35.25 in each household for two years. If the funds are used solely for weatherization a total of 566 homes could be weatherized.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Benefits	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$1,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
Federal Special Revenue (03)	(\$1,600,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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